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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 14, 16-18, 21, and 28-30 are canceled. Accordingly, claims 11-13, 22-27, 31, and 32 are pending.

Allowance of claims 11-12, 22-27, 31, and 32 is hereby acknowledged.

Applicant notes that claim 13 depends from claim 12. Accordingly, claim 13 is also in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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